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Districting Advisory Commission, where we have two sets of commissioners appointed independently -- two sets of commissioners appointed independently by the various delegations to the County Legislature.

The County Legislature, under the Charter, appoints a temporary districting commission; each side gets five commissioners and the county executive gets one appointment, a non-voting member, that's me. To my left, we have the Democratic delegation. To my right, we have the Republican delegation.

Now, I'm going a little bit off the script right now from the other night because there were some suggestions made at our first hearing in Elmont about identifying who the people were as groups, as well as just individuals.

Under the County Charter, in order for the Commission to act, they must act by six votes. Anything less than six is a no vote. That's the way the Charter is set up. This was set up actually in 1994 as part of a resolution to an impasse between the democratic county

2 supervisors at the time and the republican county
3 supervisors at the time. Just for an historic
4 perspective, this commission is actually the
5 suggestion of the late Supervisor May Neuberger
6 and Supervisor Lou Yevoli, and it was drafted
7 with the help of myself, who was the executive
8 director of the Charter Revision Commission at
9 that time, and Matt Kiernan's dad, who was the
10 chairman of the Charter Revision Commission, John
11 Kiernan. So that's how we got here and why we're
12 here today.

13 The purpose of this hearing tonight is to
14 hear your suggestions as to what you may or may
15 not want to see in a map. I'm noting from the
16 speakers list in front of me, you are primarily
17 from the Glen Cove area. However, we have
18 speakers from Rockville Centre here, we have
19 speakers from Hewlett here, we have speakers from
20 other parts of the county here, who come on a
21 regular basis and give testimony. You will hear
22 from them as well. We have representatives of
23 the League of Women Voters, who have been our
24 constant partners in this going back to the early
25 90's.

With that, I'll introduce the members sitting up here. Then, just a couple of standard remarks, which they've heard already, but some of you haven't heard already, so we have an idea of where we're going.

On the Republican side we have Judge Joe Covello; we have Henry Holley; we have Angela Powers; we have Joe Ra; and we have Jeff Stadler. On the democratic side we have Bonnie Garone, who led us in the Pledge; we have Mayor Wayne Hall; we have Steve Markowitz; we have Robert McDonald; and we have former County Legislator Dave Mejias.

With that, if you'll just allow me to go through a couple of brief opening remarks which might give you some insight as to what we're trying to do here.

This is the second in the series which will occur in Nassau County. We have several more planned, and they are in the process of coming up with some additional locations so that we can hear the testimony from the public. We're soliciting information so that each side, which acts independently, can go about the task of trying to redistrict the lines in the County of

Nassau for the County Legislature. Hopefully at some point the two sides will come together and they will have discussions, and at that point, even though I can't vote, perhaps I can act as some kind of go-between.

They are limited only by the Constitution of the United States, which has a one person, one vote requirement. They are limited by the Voting Rights act, and they are limited by other laws that govern redistricting and redrawing the lines. One person, one vote means there must be substantially the same number of people in each district which, in Nassau County after the 2010 election or 2010 Census, I should say, is an optimal amount for 70,502 per district.

Each district has to be compact, contiguous, and fairly represent identifiable communities of interest. It's also statutory imperative that the commissions be mindful in the requirements of the Voting Act in determining if it's possible to create a minority/majority district or some combination thereof. A community of interest, as I said the other night, is like beauty; it's in the eyes of the beholder.

2 They can be based on geography, subdivisions of
3 government, villages, school district, cities,
4 Census places, and other cohesive matters such as
5 ethnicity, religion, waterfront properties, and
6 so on.

7 There will no doubt be conflicts in
8 testimony between various individuals from
9 various parts of the county as they define their
10 communities of interest because, as I said, each
11 person has their own concept of what their
12 community is. So, please keep in mind as the
13 testimony unfolds that we're looking for that
14 definition so that we can accommodate as many
15 people as we can in coming about the process of -
16 - or going about the process of creating
17 districts.

18 The record of this hearing will remain
19 open. And if anybody doesn't have an opportunity
20 to speak or something crosses your mind at a
21 later date, please feel free to write your
22 testimony down and it will be included in the
23 record. And the record will remain open until we
24 hit the final stages of this process.

25 The hearings will continue over the next

several weeks: We have one scheduled for next Wednesday at the Legislative Chamber; we have another one set for October 9 in Hempstead Town Hall; and I understand from tonight's discussions we have another one set for October 15 in the City of Long Beach. Other suggested places were Manhasset, and an additional site was also suggested at Plainview, and we're working to come up with locations for those hearings so we can get those in as well. Once those hearings are completed, we're then going to turn around and turn the work over to the respective commissioners, so they can go about their business of drawing maps.

With that, I'll call the first -- if anyone else has any comments, please feel free to say so now.

MS. GARONE: Yeah. I'd like to add a little bit to what the Chair went over.

What we found in prior meetings is that we have quite a different selections of people who come to these meetings. We had people who have been working in this area for many, many years and are really experts on redistricting in

their own right, and then we have newcomers who don't know a lot about the process or why we have to do this. So, just to add a little bit to what the Chair went over.

Fifty years ago the Supreme Court said that every municipality must adjust their lines, their voting lines every ten years. Now, why do we have to do this? Why are we here? The last time our district lines were drawn was back in 2003. As you probably know as voters, Nassau County has 19 legislative districts. There are 19 legislators on the County Legislature, and each one represents a geographic area. So here in Glen Cove you are in the 18th Legislative District, and the lines of this district were established, the current lines were established back in 2002/2003.

Why do we have to make a change now if things are working well? We have to do that because every ten we are required to look at whether the population in the 19 districts is equal. Every ten years there is a Census in this country, and that data that's collected in the Census informs this process now. In some areas

of the county the population has grown, so the lines for those districts maybe have to be changed to make it a little bit smaller. In other areas of the county, populations have moved away. So, in order to make the districts of equal size, the lines have to be adjusted to perhaps make those legislative districts a little bit larger. So that's the reason.

Why do we come to you to hear your comments? The reason is because in addition to population, we need to look at things that make an area a community. We have to keep in mind when we adjust these lines that we want to keep like communities together, logical divisions together. So, it wouldn't make any sense, for example, probably no one would think it would make sense to draw a line through the City of Glen Cove and have half the City in one district and half in another. That's an easy one. Except for something like that, how do you make the decisions how to form these districts? Well, we look at things like communities of interest, we look at the municipalities, we try to keep villages together. Villages are easy, they have

2 definable lines. We know where school districts
3 are. But there are other things that might be of
4 concern to residents and voters that we might not
5 be aware of. So these things meetings are very
6 important so that you can tell us, for example,
7 do you think that the current lines are good and
8 meet the needs? Do you think they're illogical
9 and should be changed drastically? Are there
10 things that have changed in your area that maybe
11 aren't reflected in the current district lines?
12 So this is your chance, this and all of our other
13 hearings is the opportunity for the public to
14 tell us what's important in your areas so we can
15 take it into account when we draw the lines. So
16 that's why we're here. We hope that you can
17 share with us the things that are important to
18 you.

19 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Anyone else?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Okay. Barbara Sullivan Parrey.

22 MS. SULLIVAN: As you just announced, my
23 name is Barbara Sullivan-Parrey. I live in
24 Oyster Bay. I live in Oyster Bay. Judy Jacobs
25 has been my county legislator since the

2 legislative districts were drawn.

3 We have the map of the current existing
4 districts, and Judy's district, as everyone can
5 see, is very coherent. From what I understand,
6 we don't have a map of the proposed changes. But
7 from what I understand, what would be done to
8 that district, whether Judy is our legislator or
9 someone else at some point in the future is
10 elected, will be drastically altered and
11 stretched out across the north shore. That seems
12 very illogical and not representative of the
13 communities. So that's my two cents, do with it
14 what you will.

15 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you. Does
16 anyone have any questions?

17 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Judy Jacobs is your
18 representative?

19 MS. SULLIVAN-PARREY: Yes.

20 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Oyster Bay, many
21 people use the Syosset Train Station, Woodbury
22 Park in Syosset, and Jericho Turnpike is a main
23 thoroughfare there as well. There is a unity of
24 interest between Woodbury, Syosset, Jericho,
25 Oyster Bay; they use the same train station, shop

2 in the same places, they're all in the Town of
3 Oyster Bay, none of them are incorporated
4 villages.

5 MS. SULLIVAN-PARREY: There are
6 incorporated villages within the Town of Oyster
7 Bay.

8 HONORABLE MEJIAS: So you have Cove Neck
9 and Oyster Bay Cove.

10 MS. SULLIVAN-PARREY: Correct.

11 HONORABLE MEJIAS: But the majority of
12 East Norwich, Jericho, Oyster Bay, Syosset,
13 Woodbury, Plainview are all unincorporated,
14 correct?

15 MS. SULLIVAN-PARREY: Correct.

16 HONORABLE MEJIAS: And under the same
17 zoning regulations covered under the Town of
18 Oyster Bay, correct?

19 MS. SULLIVAN-PARREY: Correct.

20 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Just an interesting
21 aside. The geography that we're using and the
22 geography, when you have an opportunity to look
23 at the map, is what you'd call Census geography.
24 And the Census Bureau divides, in this case,
25 Nassau County into 98 separate Census designated

places, CDPs, and they are discernible geography as well. Each of those Census designated places has a name. So, for example, Glen Cove is a Census designated place. Villages are Census designated places. If you look at that piece of geography, you'll see that that is included. So they, meaning the Census Bureau, was sensitive in creating the Census designated places, to do it by what they deem to be the communities. So Villages are delineated in those maps.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Cynthia Kouril.

MS. KOURIL: Hi. I'm one of the Long Island Regional Co-Chairs for the New York Democratic Lawyers Council. The mission of our organization is that every voter who is eligible to vote and wants to vote should be able to vote and have their vote counted accurately. The last part of that statement, having the vote counted accurately, has a great deal to do with redistricting. And I'm here speaking on behalf of the New York Democratic Lawyers Council. But I'm also here speaking on behalf of Glen Cove.

I live in Glen Cove. My child grew up in Glen Cove. I coached the Glen Cove High School

Mock Trial Team.

Under our current map, first of all, the 18th Legislative District is a compact and contiguous district, but it has another important feature. It covers most of the shoreline along the Long Island Sound. You have Hempstead Harbor that separates us from Sea Cliff, and then we have most of the Long Island Sound. The 11th Legislative District has all the communities associated with Roslyn Harbor, and this has allowed the development of organizations to protect our waterfront. And you won't see that - I also have a copy of the Peter Schmitt plan which breaks up the 18th District and puts Glen Cove in a new 16th District. It just has our tiny bit of the waterfront and Sea Cliff's tiny bit of waterfront, chops up some of the Roslyn Harbor communities between the 11th and 10th districts, and unites us with people living in the interior in Plainview, Woodbury, and Jericho, who really don't share our concerns. You don't have people who go to the beachfront every single day. You don't have people, like me, who see the changes in the water quality, depending on the

2 time of year. I literally walk to the beach
3 every single morning. I'm aware of what's going
4 on. I know the fishermen. Somebody in Plainview
5 might come to a beach up here once a year, if
6 we're lucky. They don't share our concerns.
7 They don't share our maritime culture in the same
8 way that we have here. They're not daily
9 sailors. They're not paddle boarders. They are
10 not kayakers.

11 The people that live up here have a
12 shared culture that you don't find in too many
13 other places. And by breaking us up among four
14 different districts -- the 10th, the 11th, the
15 16th, and the 18th -- you break up that culture.

16 Additionally, and I know this from
17 raising children here, you almost can't tell
18 where Locust Valley ends and Glen Cove begins, in
19 terms of who is friends with who. Likewise, you
20 can't tell where Glen Cove ends and Sea Cliff
21 begins, in terms of who is friends with who. The
22 kids travel that route to Bayville, back and
23 forth, and back and forth. They're really one
24 big coherent group of people. They are one
25 culture of teenagers together. Yet, you're

2 breaking up their representation. So if there
3 are matters that are important to them, you're
4 breaking their culture in half for no apparent
5 reason.

6 You're also taking the culture around
7 Roslyn Harbor -- and I know this because my
8 daughter went to school in Port Washington for a
9 while to go to Catholic school -- that whole
10 culture is similar. That's who the kids
11 socialize; they socialize from Roslyn Harbor all
12 the way up to Sands Point, as a group. And
13 you're breaking them up among three different
14 districts. So you are taking apart communities,
15 and you're taking apart friendships, and you're
16 taking apart potential coalitions that should be
17 able to go find and elect a representative of
18 their choice. And you are breaking up those
19 coalitions. It certainly does not fit in with
20 the notion of compact and contiguous districts.

21 If you look at the shape of the new 16th,
22 it kind of looks like a stealth bomber, sort of.
23 It's certainly not compact and it's certainly not
24 contiguous.

25 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: May I ask a question?

2 MS. KOURIL: Sure.

3 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: When you refer to the
4 Schmitt map, are you referring to the map that
5 was the subject of litigation last year?

6 MS. KOURIL: The one that was the
7 subject of all the hearings in the legislature,
8 yes.

9 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: And I know --

10 MS. KOURIL: The one that Mr. Ciampoli
11 drew.

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: And I know that you
13 were at the very first business meeting we had
14 and you spoke at that meeting.

15 MS. KOURIL: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: As you recall, but
17 for the benefit of the people who were not at
18 that meeting, at that meeting the commissioners
19 were advised that they were not bound by that map
20 and that they should disregard it. So,
21 appreciate your comments on it, but just so --
22 you were there, you heard it --

23 MS. KOURIL: Right.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: and a lot of people
25 in the audience weren't.

MS. KOURIL: What I'm here to urge is that when you draw the new map that it doesn't look like the Schmitt map.

HONORABLE MEJIAS: For the record, I'm a property owner in Glen Cove. And I follow some of the things that happen commercially in the City.

The City of Glen Cove has possibly one of the biggest developments in the County's history occurring on the waterfront, and I believe the zoning progressed in that regard.

MS. KOURIL: Yes.

HONORABLE MEJIAS: Which I love, by the way, because in the six years I've owned my property, the property taxes have gone from 24 to \$45,000. So I welcome more commercial property taxes.

The thing that concerns me is that that particular development will have a dramatic impact on the entire waterfront. You have Glenwood Landing, Glen Head, Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Lattington, Mattinecock, Bayville, that entire area and the wetlands, the drinking water, the sewer hookups deserve to have

one legislator that they can go to if they have an issue or concern with what their water quality is going to be like, and the Department of Health, and what sewage and waste treatment's going to be. They should have one legislator that they can go to to discuss their concerns regarding emergency management, if there was a natural disaster on the waterfront, if there was a manmade disaster of some kind of some sort of issue that came up. They should not have to go to three different legislators on the waterfront here to try to figure out what they need to do and the answers to the questions with those agencies in the county government.

I think at the beginning the chairman said the waterfront properties are one of the considerations. I, personally, since I have property up here, don't want to have to call three different legislators to figure out what's going on with those particular issues.

I'm here as a commissioner, but I'm also a concerned property owner. There are serious issues that are going to occur. I am completely for the development of that property, let's be

clear. My taxes are too damn high. I love being able to complain about taxes now. I used to be okay with it.

MS. KOURIL: Let me give you a good example. Glen Cove's municipal beach and private beach literally is adjacent to the Locust Valley Beach. The new map, or the Schmitt map, which I hope you will all ignore, splits them between two different districts. They are literally, you can step over a curb and go from one beach to the other, yet they would be in two different districts. Any kind of a brown tide, oil spill, runoff problems that affects one of those beaches will exact affect the other one directly in the same way. To have those two beaches split between two different legislators dilutes the power of the people that use those beaches. Likewise, as part of the development, I believe we are getting back our ferry. And the ferry is critical to the entire north shore. When we had the ferry the last time, there were actually people that moved either here or to Roslyn from Port Washington for the sole purpose of being able to take that ferry, because then it's a 20

minute commute to lower Manhattan. When the ferry comes back, we assume the same sort of thing will happen, which means you're attracting people to live here and pay taxes here based on our use of our waterfront. So how we use our waterfront is critical to whether or not the north shore is going to prosper.

If I was going to change the 18th District from what it is today, I would add in the Village of Oyster Bay and Cove Neck into it so that you have only one voice speaking for the whole waterfront and how that waterfront is managed.

HONORABLE MEJIAS: And that's the thing, with this entire waterfront -- Sea Cliff, Glen Head, Lattingtown, Locust Valley, Glen Cove -- the people already have to talk to a city, then to the town, and then -- but the agencies that are responsible for the big ticket items -- the Department of Health, Office of Emergency Management -- those particular -- our social services agencies which deal with our seniors and our most vulnerable populations, especially at times of crisis and emergencies or disasters, all

are essentially located in the County of Nassau. By building of communities of interest, you can have better representation and better services if you have three different legislators each having a town hall meeting on different nights and meeting constituents on a different night, you will not build the critical mass that you need to deal with the major problems that are going to occur or could occur with that influx of people and a major development of that size. That's why, for the record, as a commissioner and a property owner here, I think that having one legislator in this area and having the ability for people across these waterfront communities coalesce and having one representative coalescing that group of people, I think they will get better representations and they will have their concerns addressed in a unilateral manner rather than delving across different people and different legislators to try to figure out what's going on.

MS. KOURIL: I'm going to give you one more example.

The infrastructure up here is different

than the infrastructure when you get down to Jericho Turnpike, both in terms of our sewage -- a lot of people up here still have cesspools, which is not so good for the water quality. Our legislator was able to get money from the county to build sewer treatment which will allow us to reopen -- and one of our beaches has been closed for the past several years because the E-coli is too high. We will be able to reopen Crescent Beach once the new sewer system goes in.

Additionally -- and this is an ongoing thing and in addition to coming to these, we need to go to a lot of LIPA meetings -- the electrical infrastructure up here is very, very different, mostly because of all the trees. We have a lot of wooded areas up here, which is very, very different than once you get down to Jericho Turnpike. Our power goes out pretty much every time the breeze blows. Three drops of rain falls, our power goes out. Part of it is literally because we are less dense up here that we have a much older infrastructure. Part of it has to do with just the abundance of trees, and if you drive along New Woods Road you'll see what

2 I mean. If you go out Forest Avenue and you go
3 through Locust Valley and head towards Bayville,
4 you will see the difference in the trees, the
5 difference in the quality of our roads -- our
6 roads are mostly substandard up here, in terms of
7 width. They do not meet DOT requirements. So
8 our needs are very different from people who are
9 mid-Island. Our needs for services, our needs
10 for infrastructure are very, very different
11 because we're in a very different state of
12 development than the people who live mid-Island.

13 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Yeah, but you have
14 less of a commercial tax base.

15 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Okay. Thank you.

16 Janet Blatt.

17 MS. BLATT: My comments having nothing
18 to do directly with redistricting, rather having
19 to do with the fact that these meetings have been
20 called in all places at six o'clock at night.
21 I've never been to a meeting that's called at six
22 o'clock at night. It was set for that time so
23 that fewer people would show up. It's a bad time
24 to have a meeting. Also, in Glen Cove tonight
25 there is a combined City Council and Planning

2 Board meeting, so a lot of people went to that,
3 and those people, some of those people might have
4 been here but you can't be in two places at one
5 time.

6 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Before you proceed
7 with your conversation with us on redistricting,
8 if I may. These are unpaid volunteers. They
9 work full-time jobs as well. We have a very
10 narrow window of opportunity to do the work that
11 we have to do. It has to be completed by January
12 5. We have a number of different things in every
13 community, every night there is something else
14 going on. We can't control that. I apologize if
15 this is inconvenient for you. However, we have
16 an entire county to cover, and we are trying to
17 get to as many communities as we can with
18 commissioners who run businesses, go to business
19 themselves.

20 MS. BLATT: It wasn't so much that it's
21 inconvenient. There are people who might have
22 been able to come if the time was --

23 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: And you let them know
24 that they can give their testimony in writing,
25 and it will be included in the record.

2 MS. BLATT: But they might have been
3 interested in hearing it.

4 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: And circulate it --
5 well, the transcripts of this are going to be on
6 the internet, as well. If they have access to
7 the internet -- they can go to the library if
8 they don't. They can read the transcripts and
9 they can be as informed as those who attended. I
10 agree with you; there's nothing more favorable
11 than being at the hearing itself.

12 MR. MARKOWITZ: What time would you
13 prefer?

14 MS. BLATT: 7:30 is a better time. Last
15 week, people literally stepped into their homes,
16 possibly grab something to eat. People who are
17 taking care of their children --

18 HONORABLE COVELLO: I suspect we're still
19 going to be here at 7:30; they would certainly
20 have a chance to come down and speak. We'll be
21 here until eight, nine, ten o'clock.

22 MS. BLATT: Okay. One question first.
23 Mr. Mejias --

24 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Yes.

25 MS. BLATT: your property is business

property in Glen Cove?

HONORABLE MEJIAS: Yes.

MS. BLATT: I'm sorry your taxes are so high. I pay rent. Rent is what it is. When taxes go up, rent goes up. However, we stand on opposites sides of that.

My comment has to do with how that original map was drawn and why it should not be drawn the same way as a final product. Politics --

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: You're talking about the --

MS. BLATT: The Schmitt map.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Right.

MS. BLATT: Politics. Having nothing to do with the needs of the people and whether the interest of the community here -- Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Locust Valley, so on, on the waterfront and those of us who are not directly on the waterfront but have access to it and use it -- it had nothing to do with that. And I suspect in other parts of the county where the districts were drawn it had nothing to do with the business of people who are, to my mind, much more

important than any individual or the legislators as a whole, or the county executive. It is the interest of the people that's concerning to people who draw the map, not whether you can get more votes maybe, possibly by moving this many democrats into this district, this many republicans into this district, and hoping that it remains the same.

In this area, if people get tired of one party, we throw them out. So you may think you know what you're doing when you draw a map, but it's not really realistic. But still, they count democrats, they count republicans. Let's say we want to get one more legislator or two more legislators or how many legislators you need for the majority to vote on financial issues, having nothing to do with the needs of the people. It would be nice if this time around the map was drawn, district maps were drawn with the concerns of the people in mind.

As it is, we seem to be important only when Election Day rolls around, and those that are running for election go out and ask for us to vote that way. Once we do that, they don't count

2 anymore until the next election. We matter.
3 We're important. There are more of us than there
4 are of any elected officials any place.

5 The map should be drawn with the needs of
6 the people in mind.

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

8 Any questions?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 Andrew Lawrence.

11 MR. LAWRENCE: Good evening.

12 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Good evening.

13 MR. LAWRENCE: Andrew Lawrence. Thank
14 you for that explanation a little bit earlier
15 regarding the redistricting. It's my
16 understanding that the redistricting maps are
17 based on population shift. Is that correct?

18 MS. GARONE: That's the reason we have
19 to do that. Yes, we have to make sure that --

20 MS. LAWRENCE: So, based upon population
21 and/or its shift, this body could actually
22 determine that the population has not shifted and
23 that the district lines are actually in their
24 proper place and suggest something else that the
25 map remain the same, theoretically.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes.

MR. LAWRENCE: So I would suggest that at least for this area up here in Glen Cove where the district lines seem to be working, as has been forwarded to you earlier, I appreciate your comments earlier regarding the waterfront, because I've been working on this thing for a long time now in trying to get it going and we're getting closer.

I would suggest what's not broke, don't fix. Leave it. To make those lines as necessary in those districts that may have that minor population shifts, which seem to be more, from what I can see, seem to be more in the center of the county than it is on the north shore here. I, too, don't believe that that map that was proposed and then turned down and you people directed to ignore or whatever the statement was, does not represent what we are up here. The whole board should take a look at -- or commission should take a look at what the bodies of people are and what our interests are, such as our waterfront community and that really somebody in Plainview has got no interest, or even

2 Syosset, has no interest in what's happening at
3 the waterfront in Glen Cove. So I would suggest
4 that maybe it's just fine the way it is.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

7 Any questions?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 H. Boitel. And I know it's not H.

10 MR. BOITEL: Henry.

11 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Henry. How are you
12 doing today?

13 MR. BOITEL: Fine, thank you.

14 I'm not here to talk about any particular
15 configuration, I'm more concerned about the
16 procedure that this Commission is following.

17 My first concern is that you are
18 predestined to fail. Why? There are five
19 republicans, five democrats, one chairman who
20 doesn't vote, you've had one substantive meeting
21 so far in which you attempted to adopt
22 fundamental principles that are probably 25 --
23 maybe 15 one side proposed, and ten the other
24 side proposed -- you could not agree on one of
25 them.

2 Now, with that as a background, where are
3 we going? We're having meetings like this where
4 people are not being provided with any background
5 information from which they can create, get
6 substantive insights into what the issues are.
7 Your website doesn't even have that map up, if
8 I'm not mistaken. I don't think it has any map
9 up. It doesn't have any of the indications,
10 which have already been determined as to where
11 there are population problems in terms of having
12 to balance things out to be in compliance with
13 the Constitution.

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Can I just interrupt
15 you for a second?

16 MR. BOITEL: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Monday night you
18 placed that request in front of us. I believe
19 you discussed it with the legislative clerk, and
20 they're going to link the county map to the
21 website so you will be able to see the lines.

22 MR. BOITEL: Good.

23 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: That's only two days
24 old, though.

25 MR. BOITEL: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: You also asked for the population shifts in each district, correct?

MR. BOITEL: Yes. I'm looking --

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm sorry to interrupt you. You wouldn't want each district to reflect, according to the latest Census, what shift in population there was and how it deviates from --

MR. BOITEL: There are certain areas which we know much be corrected to be in compliance with Constitutional requirements. That information ought to be up on your website. Then people can make constructive suggestions as to how some of those problems can be solved. As I said in the one other meeting you had, right now all people can say is be fair, don't break up our community, and that kind of thing which doesn't say very much.

Going back to your meeting of -- I think it was June 6 or thereabouts -- I think all of you ought to take a look at the minutes of that meeting and reconsider the approaches you're taking toward the kind of collegiality which you ought to have to come up with some kind of a

2 plan. If you're predestined to fail, then you
3 might as well take that \$500,000 budget you have
4 and put it aside so that when the legislature
5 adopts its plan, which will have nothing to do
6 with what you have done, there will be money in
7 the bank to defend against the appeals.

8 My point is you have a budget, you have a
9 website which is practically baron in terms of
10 being informative to the people, you've come
11 somewhat to the thing with a partisan kind of
12 approach to things. When you go back over those
13 minutes, they're really very instructive. Go
14 back over those minutes and you'll see there was
15 not really an attempt on the part of the parties
16 to try to get together. Let's put aside the
17 issue of whether somebody's trying to slip one
18 over on the other. Let's talk about what we're
19 really here for. Because I have no doubt, and
20 I'm sure these people have no doubt, that we all
21 owe you a debt of gratitude for putting
22 yourselves on the line here and you're not
23 getting paid for it. But, if it's going to come
24 to naught, then we're going to be in the same
25 situation in January or when the legislature

makes its determination as we were a year ago.

My suggestion is you beef up your website, you have a couple of team meetings amongst yourselves in order to build a team approach to this and not an adversarial approach, and come back and look the eye and be able to say we're really trying to do the right thing here, not the partisan thing. We're really trying to come up with a plan that the legislature can reasonably adopt.

Now, in that regard, I take some issue with the fact that you -- I realize you're not bound by the legislature's plan, the one they put up. I, personally, was not in favor of it. But it seems for you to just ignore it is a mistake. The majority of the legislature is still there. They may just put into effect the same plan, having gone through the procedures, and you will not have come up with any alternatives to that plan. You will not have examined it to see if there are any defects in it. So, it seems to me that you do not have the license to say something that was adopted by the majority of the legislature and put aside for procedural reasons,

2 we're not going to look at. You ought to be
3 looking at it, and you ought to be coming up with
4 alternatives to it and determine where the
5 problems are.

6 Sorry I took so long. But you get my
7 point.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Are you suggesting
9 that rather than this map be the base map for
10 drawing the lines that the map that we described
11 tonight as a shift map be the base map for the
12 drawing of the lines?

13 MR. BOITEL: Definitely, the present
14 situation should be the base map. But, let's not
15 ignore what we know as human beings.

16 The legislature may still adopt that very
17 same plan. There's no issue about that. It was
18 not put aside because it was inherently bad. It
19 was put aside because they didn't follow
20 procedures. So they can just take the same plan
21 and adopt it again. If you guys don't come up
22 with a plan, at least you can do the service of
23 analyzing that plan and coming up with some
24 insight as to what's of value there and what's
25 not, where are the defects and where aren't they.

2 And the people, as one of our speakers had to put
3 that plan up as a strong map. I guess several
4 people -- you need a strong map. You've got to
5 talk about something. You just can't talk in the
6 abstract.

7 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Mr. Boitel, you made
8 a couple of good points. The last thing you
9 said, the last map -- we'll call it the Schmitt
10 map -- was set aside on procedural issues. I
11 don't believe the Court of Appeals actually made
12 a decision as to whether or not it was actually a
13 legal map or legal of what's the Census.

14 MR. BOITEL: That's correct.

15 HONORABLE MEJIAS: So it was purely for
16 procedural grounds. There was no determination
17 made on the legality of this pursuant to what the
18 Chairman delineated as what our Constitution Law
19 says we should consider when drawing the map.

20 MR. BOITEL: P.S. on that, before you go
21 further. As you may be aware, the Supreme Court
22 of the United States decided as case just two
23 days ago, a West Virginia case, in which some of
24 the issues that some of us complained about may
25 not be issues as far as the Supreme Court is

2 concerned and some others may be. So that's the
3 sort of thing you have to look at.

4 HONORABLE MEJIAS: To make your request
5 clear -- I think it's actually a very good idea.
6 The Census, there are districts that, quite
7 frankly, do not -- that have to be adjusted
8 because of the Census. And I would like the map,
9 as the current map, to delineate which districts
10 do not comply with the law, online, and by what
11 percent. If there's a three or five percent
12 deviation, that's allowed by law. What are the
13 deviations that we have within the districts that
14 need to be adjusted? So I would ask the chairman
15 to consider actually -- not even having a link,
16 but possibly just putting the current map, as it
17 is today on our redistricting website so that the
18 people know exactly where their tax money is
19 going to change this map and to fix it to comply
20 with the law. District by district, which
21 district complies, and to the extent that it does
22 not, the website and the map would make it clear
23 to the taxpayers which district deviates from the
24 law and by how much.

25 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I don't know that we

2 can do it on the map, but we'll try to find a way
3 to link something to those populations.

4 HONORABLE MEJIAS: I see a lot of young
5 people. I think they're more techs at it than
6 us. I have faith in you guys. I think you can
7 do it.

8 MS. GARONE: I would just like to say I
9 agree with much of what you've said, but I think
10 that you're also selling the public short. At
11 this meeting and the last meeting I've heard lots
12 of substantive suggestions. Yes, should people
13 have more tools? Absolutely. But even in the
14 current state of affairs, I've taken pages of
15 notes at the last meetings and pages of notes at
16 this meeting. People are making substantive
17 comments. They're telling us things that are
18 important in their community, which is exactly
19 what they should be doing. I think you're
20 selling them short. And, many people are telling
21 us what was wrong with last year's map. So we're
22 really doing a lot of what you're talking about.
23 Yes, can we do better? Absolutely. But, you
24 know, everybody out there is doing a great job.
25 They're coming here and telling us the

substantive things that we need to know.

MR. BOITEL: The people out here deserve a medal for coming. They came with a blank pad, not having any information that they could really share with you except their concerns about where they live. But as you guys don't even, as far as I'm aware, have any kind of an agenda yet or substantive meetings. There's nothing up on your website that said that you planned -- you're supposed to have a final plan by January. We're at the end of September. The case was -- the legislature's plan was thrown out a year ago, and you haven't even scheduled your first substantive meeting concerning the contents of this. There's not agenda. There's not road map.

I'm saying that somebody -- you have enough money to hire people to do it. And I realize that this is not your full time occupation. But you have to get moving because before you know it, you're not going to have anything. It's going to be five-five and the legislature once again will divide along partisan lines and it will be a political judgment.

HONORABLE MEJIAS: Mr. Boitel, this is

2 the second meeting you've come to and I just want
 3 to thank you for that. I think you are asking
 4 this commission to be held to a higher standard,
 5 and as a taxpayer you are well within your rights
 6 to do that and you should do that. And I
 7 appreciate your coming down here. I think the
 8 more people that come down, the more open the
 9 process is, the better the end result could be.
 10 This is just the beginning. There will be more
 11 meetings. As I speculate, there will be more
 12 people at these meetings when there are maps put
 13 in place. And you are -- I congratulate you for
 14 exercising your right. You've made us think
 15 about better was to present.

16 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Patricia Bourne.

17 MS. BOURNE: Good evening. Thank you
 18 for coming to Glen Cove. I think it's
 19 appropriate to have this meeting at the Landing
 20 School, thinking of the history of this area, the
 21 Landing part of Glen Cove, which was developed by
 22 people who worked on the largest states and
 23 worked in the large industries in Glen Cove and
 24 came from all parts of the world, the diversity
 25 which Glen Cove embraces.

2 I've lived in Glen Cove over 50 years. I
3 went to Glen Cove schools. I'm by background a
4 professional planner, and I know the County's
5 staff can easily fix up the map any way you want
6 it to, which you had asked.

7 I worked in Glen Cove under two Mayor
8 Suozzis, and under Mayor (inaudible). I've also
9 worked for Nassau County under two County
10 Executives, County Executive Gulotta and County
11 Executive Suozzi. I have also been on the Glen
12 Cove Planning Board. I only mention this because
13 I do have a strong background in planning and
14 understanding the communities of Nassau County.
15 And on the Nassau County Planning Commission, I
16 was honored to work with Henry (inaudible) for a
17 short amount of time.

18 Yes, we do have population changes and
19 your map needs to, of course, reflect that, and
20 you have a hard chore in front of you to make
21 that happen. And I can give you all the support
22 for that effort.

23 When looking at the map, as background in
24 Glen Cove but with the perspective from the
25 county, I really have to echo some of the former

speakers and say that I think that the map should be kept the way it is for several reasons. The City of Glen Cove, the Villages of Sea Cliff and Brookville have all really worked together.

The history of the area, which I'll go back to what I started out at the beginning by talking about, was that Glen Cove was a downtown for this entire area. Glen Cove had the merchants. Glen Cove had the industries that were water related and were based upon the mills. The surrounding area was made up of farms and then eventually the "Gold Coast", which were the people from New York who had money and came out there for their summers homes and moorings for their yachts. And Glen Cove still remained downtown. It's where people lived, where it was affordable and it's diverse. And Glen Cove, to this day, reflects people -- you talk about the Census -- the richest of the rich to the poorest of the poor. The diversity of religion, of racial and ethnic backgrounds of interest, is Glen Cove. And Glen Cove is used to dealing with a diverse area, which includes the area to our south, which is bisected by Glen Cove Road. Glen

Cove Road has served for many years, if not centuries, as a pathway, an historical road, bringing people together. People coming north for this part of Northern Boulevard, which has been around, 25As been around for a long, long time, and that's why people traveled it, whether it was by wagon, or eventually by car, the trains. For historical reasons, we have the same train line, the Oyster Bay line, versus people to our west who are on a different train. So it did bring, as other people have said, the whole area together. And I think that it makes sense to keep it together.

As I said, I think the key issues are the diversity that we embrace and we understand and accept, work with; Glen Cove Road, as being a transportation mechanism to bring people here who are not taking the trains and the Long Island Rail Road.

And another thing to mention is the watershed. When I worked in Glen Cove we worked on some waterfront issues and the streams that drain from the south drain north into Long Island Sound and the creeks and harbors and involves the

whole area. So it is a common area. It makes sense for our legislator to represent that common area, by bringing everyone together or common interests.

I've worked with community groups, if I may finish by saying, in the communities to our west and to our east. The Oyster Bay community is different. It has a different historical background. There are commonalities, but it has a different sense of connection -- people, the surround areas to the Hamlet of Oyster Bay, think of going into downtown Oyster Bay for the schools and for education, cultural reasons, and for retail reasons, for commerce. To our west, the Roslyn and Port Washington area has developed with Port Washington train station. But people in the Roslyn area, being surrounded -- Hempstead Harbor to our west, have moved towards Port Washington more and to the areas to their south. So I think it makes so much sense to keep it the way it is in our area.

And I thank you.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Dr. Nancy Rosenthal.

Are you the substitute?

MS. BLUM: Hi. My name is Paula Blum, and I live in Wantagh. And, by the way, all of the League of Women Voters people who have been attending area also unpaid volunteers.

We were going to address specifics to Glen Cove, but I think a lot of that's been covered. And I wanted to remind everyone that incumbents are not a community of interest.

I have listened very carefully to what was said about all the requirements, and I don't remember hearing anything that said you have to have two maps. And I just don't understand why the ten of you cannot work together to do one map that might reflect the divergent dew points that you all have. We've seen so much polarization on the national level, and I really hate to see it as much as it is on the local level. We are all your constituents, constituents of the legislators, and we all have -- besides specific needs that have been addressed -- we all have a lot of common needs. And I think that if the ten of you work together on one map, maybe it would actually be adopted and maybe it would be better than what the legislature will come up with when

2 they see two maps that are very, very different
3 and agree to disagree.

4 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Let me just thank you
5 for your service for the League of Women Voters.
6 You've served as a moderator at the debates.
7 You're very well organized. And thank you for
8 your service to the public.

9 I think one of the League of Women Voters
10 does it to encourage people -- everybody, men and
11 women -- to participate in government and public
12 policy and get involved. The unity of interest
13 that we had on the waterfront is so critical that
14 they need, hopefully, one legislator.

15 And the reality is to build momentum up
16 on an issue, whether it affects wetlands or
17 whether it affects sewage, roads, traffic, major
18 redevelopment, in terms of this area, there are
19 environmental issues. To build momentum up among
20 -- and you know how difficult it is. We have
21 people come out with the debates that we had at
22 the Plainview Public Library.

23 MS. BLUM: Absolutely.

24 HONORABLE MEJIAS: Each candidate brings
25 like their ten closest friends and there's 12

people. And if you want more people to participate in the process, to build that type of momentum, that critical mass, and have communities unite. It's very difficult to do that when they're having town hall meetings, postcards, or newsletters from three different legislators and they say that they have addressed that concern at the same time. You could have one legislator send a newsletter in March, another one in April. You don't have that uniform information going out to a community that has so many -- although they may live in different zip codes in the waterfront up here, they have a lot of things in common and a lot of the same concerns. It's very difficult to organize that group of people when information and their representatives are not (inaudible). You really need one person up here representing them.

MS. BLUM: I can understand that. I live in Wantagh, which is also waterfront. Wantagh, I think, currently is split in four parts.

HONORABLE MEJIAS: I know.

MS. BLUM: I can definitely understand that. But I think some of the other nine commissioners, and I think all of you could relate to that and can understand it. I really think the power that I see here, all working together, could come up with a much better solution.

MR. MARKOWITZ: I think we all come to this, the commitment to try to work together to come up with a single map. The process is such - it sets up a partisan kind of situation. The fact that we are appointed on a partisan basis, the fact we even sit the way we even sit sets up kind of a political situation --

MS. BLUM: Which I find distressing.

MR. MARKOWITZ: I truly think we can. I think everybody here comes with a sense of good will.

MS. BLUM: I'm glad to hear that.

What I think here is -- I think hearing this side and that side, the republicans and the democrats, we're going to come up with two maps, and this is what's distressing. I have no doubt that individually you are all very nice people,

2 that as individuals you could all be good
3 friends. I think you are, but I'm assuming that.
4 I heard maps when Mr. Moroney spoke.

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: I'm suggesting only
6 what the Charter says, that they will come up
7 with a plan, or multiple plans, or no plan at
8 all. That's just the menu.

9 MS. BLUM: But the Charter in no way
10 indicates that there cannot be one map --

11 MR. MARKOWITZ: It absolutely does not
12 say that all. You're correct.

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Jeffrey Peress.

14 MR. PERESS: I'd like to thank you for
15 holding this meeting. This is my first meeting.
16 I do have concerns. And I thank you for being on
17 the panel. But I have concerns for a bipartisan
18 mission, with democrats and republicans only. I
19 think you should be an independent commission,
20 independent from any political politics to help
21 decide this. It's not healthy for Nassau County.
22 It's not healthy for the people of Nassau County,
23 for all 19 districts.

24 And I want to ask if you would consider
25 also, upon redistricting, the 1965 Voter Civil

2 Rights Act for minority visitation. I saw on
3 some of the maps that they were combining some of
4 the districts.

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: One of the things --
6 and you may not have been here for the opening
7 remarks -- that must be complied with is the
8 Voting Rights Act of 1964. It is something that
9 must be addressed. In fact, if you look at the
10 map, it's no accident that District 1 and
11 District 2 are minority (inaudible) and it's not
12 accident that in District 3 there's no
13 redistricting, because that's the border in which
14 the district was drawn. And they were drawn, in
15 the first instance, by Dr. Luther Blake, Frank
16 Lewis, (inaudible) Chang, and Vinny Drury for
17 purposes of -- this goes back to 1993 -- for
18 purposes of determining if minority/majority
19 districts could be drawn that would be of
20 sufficient minority population to allow
21 minorities to elect someone of their choice, and
22 that is the first order of business. And that
23 should be the first order of business.

24 In fact, if you look at that map, you'll
25 see District 2 is in dead center. Below that

2 thing that looks like a pink submarine, that is
3 District Number 2 that runs up between, like a
4 snake or the Loch Nest Monster, if you will.
5 That district is drawn that way and that map was
6 nearly not adopted 10 years ago, because at that
7 time there was a legislator by the name of Roger
8 Corbin who objected to the taking away of the
9 Lakeview area of the district, a minority
10 district, and attaching it to District Number 5.
11 They worked out an arrangement and that is how
12 that was drawn.

13 So, yes, the minority population is the
14 first concern. And nobody wants to put a map
15 together that's going to have a violation.

16 MR. PERESS: Like I said, my concern is
17 you're not working together, I feel. And I feel
18 that it should be appointed by a nonpartisan
19 committee.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

22 Theresa Moschetta.

23 MS. MOSCHETTA: Yes. Very good.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

25 MS. MOSCHETTA: Thank you all for your

service. I sit on a couple of boards in Glen Cove and volunteer my time. It's great to see other volunteers.

I represent a neighborhood association in Glen Cove, Thompson Park. There are 45 houses. So I just want to mention that there are several neighborhood associations within Glen Cove. We work together. We have similar issues. We all involve our legislator on those issues from time to time. It's great to be able to have one person that we all -- that same person, that consistent person. So when we're talking about communities of interest, I just would like you to keep in mind that Glen Cove has not only the Thompson Park Neighborhood Association, but there's the Colonial Park Uplands Association, there's the East End Residents' Association, as well as right here inland you have the Lake Association. Again, we all work together.

Where I live in Thompson Park, we border Sea Cliff. And we're involved in a situation right now where a business in Sea Cliff is involving our Glen Cove residents in Thompson Park, as well as Sea Cliff residents that abut

that business. Again, by having a common legislator, we're able to seek the help of that person on that particular issue. So, there's a lot of local grassroots stuff that goes on. When you talk about getting people to meetings like this, also drop it right down to zoning board meetings, planning board meetings, neighborhood association meetings.

There are a lot of people who want to serve their communities and want to get involved. I know that on the local level we're all really here to do the best we can for our communities.

Glen Cove, I think, where it sits -- I heard about this meeting last night so I haven't really looked at the map. Where we sit, we're on the water. We're a waterfront community. We are contiguous and we are compact. I think, like Andrew Lawrence said, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

I hope that if we can maintain status quo -- I'm not all for the status quo all the time, but in this case I think it serves the people of Glen Cove well.

Thank you for your time again.

CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Kimberly Snow.

MS. SNOW: Hi. Good evening. I'm Kimberly Snow. Thank you for letting me speak for a moment. I'm speaking on behalf of myself.

I've been a resident of Woodbury for over 20 years, myself and my family. And when it comes to redistricting, I always think there's no point in participating because it's a losing battle. I've worked for city governments, I've worked for the federal government, I've worked for town governments, and I've worked for Nassau County. But I was motivated to come here tonight.

I had to use my GPS. I live in Woodbury. To find this school, I did not know where it was. And now that it's dark, I do not know how to get out.

It is true what Barbara had said and this lady was quite articulate, which motivated me to speak.

Judy Jacobs has been my legislator for many years. And having one person to turn to who knows the area where you live is a benefit. Even the Town of Oyster Bay, in which I live in, if

2 you call to the town, you talk to any particular
3 person who you get, there's not one person for
4 your particular area. But Woodbury, I know one
5 of the proposed maps was kind of coming up here,
6 to Glen Cove. And you do talk about the
7 waterfront. I've never been to a beach in Glen
8 Cove. I don't know how to get to a beach in Glen
9 Cove. I'm very associated with the Town of
10 Oyster Bay. I go to the Town of Oyster Bay
11 first. I go to the beaches in the Town of Oyster
12 Bay and Jones Beach first. And I'm even more
13 familiar with the Town of Huntington and Cold
14 Spring Harbor, which is five minutes from my home
15 where Glen Cove is not.

16 I was just motivated to say that Glen
17 Cove is a beautiful town. I'm getting to know it
18 now. I have a lot of friends up here. But it's
19 not on my consciousness, in terms of my
20 community. When we had Hurricane Irene, even
21 Woodbury, itself, was split between who had
22 electricity for five days and who didn't, and the
23 diner was the only middle. And we met people
24 from other parts of my own town because that was
25 the one place. If there is, God forbid, an

2 emergency, I know the governments have to work
3 together. But the City of Glen Cove, for the
4 people of Woodbury and Syosset, wouldn't be in
5 our concern, so to speak; Woodbury would be our
6 concern and the Town of Oyster Bay. I think Glen
7 Cove needs its unity as it is on this current
8 map. If we rely only on the U.S. Census, perhaps
9 we should rely, if that's the only mandate,
10 perhaps we should include other information that
11 Nassau County actually has, other than the U.S.
12 Census, like our tax records, our school records.

13 Thank you for letting me speak.

14 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

15 Mary Ellen Craig.

16 MS. CRAIG: Hello. I live in Uniondale,
17 have for about 45 years now. I have to apologize
18 for my local ignorance. I wanted to know is
19 there a list of the upcoming meetings and why
20 isn't it out there at the door.

21 And when was Long Beach decided, the
22 15th? When was that decided? I heard it was
23 decided. I heard it was announced.

24 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We discussed it
25 earlier, that there was no objection to October

2 15.

3 MS. CRAIG: But that was prior to this
4 meeting.

5 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: It was actually
6 decided right before this meeting, when I
7 consulted with my counterpart.

8 MS. CRAIG: So are you saying there's
9 possibly going to be more.

10 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: There will be one in
11 Long Beach. There's going to be one next week in
12 the County Legislature. October 9 there's going
13 to be one in Hempstead Town Hall, which is not
14 far from where you live. And we're looking for
15 Plainview and Manhasset.

16 MS. CRAIG: So these subsequent meetings
17 will also be publicized.

18 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Yes, they will.

19 MS. CRAIG: Are you just handing them
20 out at these meetings? How else are they being
21 publicized?

22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: They're on the
23 website. We do e-mails. We notify the media.

24 MS. CRAIG: Because I only learned about
25 this last night, and I'm sure there are other

2 people who are in the same position.

3 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Are you going to join
4 the caravan of people trying to get out of here
5 tonight?

6 MS. CRAIG: I don't GPS but I found my
7 way. I used the old fashioned way, a map. In
8 any case.

9 I would like to say that for many, many
10 years I have spoken at the legislature about
11 various issues, especially relating to education
12 and youth. Things have gone from better to
13 worse.

14 There was a big change when the
15 redistricting took place when the legislature was
16 formed. As I recall, our first representative,
17 Legislator, was Darlene Harris, and it made a
18 great big difference to the people in our
19 community to have a person to go to with the
20 issues that relate specifically to our areas.
21 It's very important to have this kind of
22 representation.

23 We're very concerned about being broken
24 up into areas where we would have three or four
25 representatives. I'm not nearly as specific as

2 some of the other speakers, but I think that that
3 is something that is really important to consider
4 for the Uniondale, Hempstead, Roosevelt other
5 areas that are currently represented in District
6 2.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Thank you.

9 Bruce, is it pronounce Graff?

10 MR. GROFF: No, no. Groff.

11 I have a question. Can you tell me what
12 data set you have in front of you?

13 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: We're operating under
14 the 2010 Census.

15 MR. GROFF: So which data set are you
16 using?

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: They usually are
18 TIGER files. There may be (inaudible). I
19 believe it's the TIGER files.

20 FEMALE VOICE: We can't hear back here.

21 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Right now, the TIGER
22 files, which is the standard data used for
23 redistricting.

24 MR. GROFF: Do you have the Board of
25 Elections digital data?

2 MS. GARONE: I think we're operating at
3 a disadvantage because we don't have -- maybe
4 someone can answer the first one. We don't have
5 our technical people with us tonight.

6 MR. GROFF: What software are you using?

7 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: Maptitude.

8 MR. GROFF: And the (inaudible) like
9 (inaudible) is doing it?

10 MR. KIERNAN: Each side is allowed to
11 hire a consultant. We have a consultant that I'm
12 working in conjunction with.

13 FEMALE VOICE: Our side does too.

14 MR. GROFF: So you have two copies of
15 Maptitude?

16 MR. KIERNAN: Two.

17 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: There being no other
18 speakers, we are scheduled to be -- what's the
19 next?

20 MR. KIERNAN: October 3 at the County
21 Legislature.

22 CHAIRMAN MORONEY: October 3 at the
23 County Legislature.

24 Thank you for coming tonight.

25 (Whereupon, the Towns, Villages and

1 TEMPORARY DISTRICTING COMMISSION - 9-27-12
2 Cities Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m.)
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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and
accurate transcript of the same and the whole
thereof, according to the best of my ability and
belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand this 15th day of October, 2012.

FRANK GRAY